

AN ACT concerning State government.

**Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,
represented in the General Assembly:**

Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the Hydrogen Economy Act.

Section 5. Hydrogen Economy Task Force.

(a) The Hydrogen Economy Task Force is hereby established.

(b) The Task Force shall consist of the following members:

(1) one member of the Senate, appointed by the President of the Senate;

(2) one member of the Senate, appointed by the Minority Leader of the Senate;

(3) one member of the House of Representatives, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

(4) one member of the House of Representatives, appointed by the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives;

(5) one member representing the Governor's Office of Management and Budget, appointed by the Governor;

(6) one member representing a statewide labor organization, appointed by the Governor;

(7) one member representing a national laboratory that researches alternate fuels, energy, and environmental

impacts, appointed by the Governor;

(8) one member from the Office of Energy, appointed by the Director of the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency;

(9) one member representing local economic development interests, appointed by the Director of Commerce and Economic Opportunity;

(10) one member representing a trade association, appointed by the Director of Commerce and Economic Opportunity;

(11) one representative of a manufacturing association, appointed by the Director of Commerce and Economic Opportunity;

(12) one representative of a community-based organization that supports environmental justice communities, appointed by the Director of Commerce and Economic Opportunity;

(13) one member representing the University of Illinois Institute for Sustainability, Energy, and Environment, appointed by the President of the University of Illinois System;

(14) the Director of the Illinois Power Agency or his or her designee;

(15) the Chairman of the Illinois Commerce Commission or his or her designee;

(16) the Director of Commerce and Economic Opportunity

or his or her designee;

(17) the Director of Natural Resources or his or her designee;

(18) the Secretary of Transportation or his or her designee;

(19) the Director of Agriculture or his or her designee;

(20) the Chair of the Illinois Community College Board or his or her designee;

(21) one member with knowledge of public safety, appointed by the State Fire Marshal;

(22) one member representing a non-profit energy research organization, appointed by the Governor;

(23) one representative of a trade association representing the investor-owned electric and natural gas utilities and power generation companies in the State of Illinois, appointed by the Speaker of the House; and

(24) one representative of a trade association representing wind and solar electric generators, renewable transmission companies, and storage companies, appointed by the President of the Senate.

(c) The members of the Task Force shall serve without compensation.

(d) The Task Force shall meet at least quarterly to fulfill its duties under this Act. At the first meeting of the Task Force, the Task Force shall elect a Chair from among its

members.

(e) The Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity shall provide administrative support to the Task Force.

Section 10. Duties. The Task Force shall have the following duties:

(1) establish a plan to create, support, develop, or partner with a Hydrogen Hub in this State, and determine how to maximize federal financial incentives to support Hub development;

(2) identify opportunities to integrate hydrogen in the transportation, energy, industrial, agricultural, and other sectors;

(3) identify barriers to the widespread development of hydrogen, including within environmental justice communities; and

(4) recommend government policies to catalyze the deployment of hydrogen in the State economy.

Section 15. Report. The Task Force shall report to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 1 of each year on its activities, findings, and recommendations.

Section 95. Repealer. This Act is repealed on June 1, 2023.

Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon

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becoming law.